

# TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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THE FUTURE SPIRIT: PART 1



I MUST  
HAVE BEEN BORN  
WITH A SPIRITUAL  
SENSE..

BECAUSE  
I'VE BEEN SEEING  
THINGS THAT OTHER  
PEOPLE CAN'T SEE  
MY ENTIRE LIFE.



FROM  
SO-CALLED  
GHOSTS..



TO ALL  
DIFFERENT  
KINDS OF  
SPIRITS..

THE THING  
THAT'S BEEN  
BOTHERING  
ME THE MOST  
LATELY..



IS..

THAT..!





AT FIRST,  
I COULDN'T FIGURE  
OUT WHY THEY WERE  
FOLLOWING PEOPLE  
AROUND LIKE  
THAT..

THUD

AGHI

SOMEONE  
JUST COLLAPSED!



A black and white comic panel depicting an emergency scene. A person lies motionless on the ground. Several other people are present: one person is kneeling over the person on the ground, another person stands nearby, and a third person is in the foreground with their back to the viewer. Speech bubbles indicate a state of panic and urgency.

**ARE YOU  
OKAY?**

**HURRY  
UP AND  
CALL 911!**

**BUT  
I JUST REALIZED  
RECENTLY.**



THESE ARE  
SHOWING ME IN  
ADVANCE HOW THE  
PERSON IS GOING  
TO DIE..

THE  
PROBLEM  
IS..





STARTING  
RECENTLY..

I'VE ALSO HAD  
ONE FOLLOWING  
ME AROUND..!

AT THIS RATE...



I COULD END UP  
DYING SOON.





IT'S A  
FUTURE  
SPIRIT.



YOU LOOK LIKE  
YOU REALIZE BASICALLY  
WHAT'S GOING ON  
SINCE YOU HAVE A  
SPIRITUAL EYE.

THAT'S  
EXACTLY WHAT  
YOU WILL LOOK  
LIKE IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE.

A man with dark hair is shown in profile, looking down with a somber expression. He is wearing a dark shirt. The background is a simple, light-colored wall.

AT FIRST,  
IT WILL JUST WALK  
NEAR YOU. BUT AS YOUR  
DEATH APPROACHES,  
IT WILL FOLLOW MORE  
CLOSELY BEHIND  
YOU.

A woman with dark hair tied in a bun is shown in profile, looking forward. She is wearing a light-colored shirt. The background is a simple, light-colored wall with some foliage visible on the right.

WHY DO  
I HAVE TO DIE?  
I'M STILL YOUNG AND  
THERE'S NO REASON  
FOR ME TO DIE.

THERE'S NO  
PARTICULAR REASON  
FOR DYING ITSELF. IT'S  
LIKE THE GRIM REAPER  
HAS JUST CHECKED  
OFF YOUR NAME IN  
HIS HIT LIST.

THE PROBLEM  
IS JUST THAT YOU  
CAN SEE IT.



SO IT'S  
WRONG TO KNOW  
THAT I'M DESTINED  
TO DIE.

A black and white comic panel showing two men. The man on the left is looking up and to the right with a serious expression. The man on the right is leaning back, looking towards the first man. The background is a simple room with a wall and a ceiling.

BUT WHAT  
ON EARTH COULD  
HAPPEN TO ME TO  
MAKE ME DIE  
LIKE THAT?



IT COULD  
BE A CAR  
ACCIDENT.

A black and white comic panel showing a woman with dark hair tied back, looking upwards and to the left with a thoughtful expression. She is wearing a light-colored top. The background features a wall with a plant motif.

OR YOU  
MIGHT FALL OFF  
SOMEWHERE  
HIGH UP.



IS THERE A WAY  
TO STOP IT FROM  
HAPPENING...?

LIKE  
STAYING AT HOME  
AND NOT GOING  
OUTSIDE...



IF YOU SPEND  
YOUR WHOLE  
LIFE LOCKED UP  
IN A ROOM WITH  
THAT SPIRIT..

YOU MIGHT END  
UP GOING INSANE  
AND HANGING  
YOURSELF...



I CAN'T  
UNDERSTAND..

WHY CAN'T  
I STOP MY DEATH  
WHEN I CAN SEE  
IT COMING...?



IT'S NOT  
LIKE THERE ARE  
NO OPTIONS  
AT ALL.

L-LIKE  
WHAT?!



IT MAY NOT  
BE A PERFECT  
SOLUTION...



BUT THERE  
IS AN ITEM WHICH  
CAN HELP YOU AVOID  
AN UNTIMELY  
DEATH.



THIS RING  
WILL ALLOW YOU  
TO BREAK FREE FROM  
THE INFLUENCE OF THE  
FUTURE SPIRIT.



A RING..?



BUT THIS  
IS ONLY A SAMPLE  
I HAVE TO MAKE A  
PROPER ONE TO  
USE AGAINST THE  
FUTURE SPIRIT.

WEAR THIS  
ONE UNTIL  
THEN.

AND I'LL GIVE  
YOU A CHARM LATER  
WHICH YOU CAN PUT  
UP ABOVE YOUR  
FRONT DOOR.

THE RING AND  
CHARM WILL PROTECT  
YOU WHEN YOU'RE BOTH  
AT AND AWAY FROM  
YOUR HOME.





START BY  
PUTTING THE RING  
ON YOUR FINGER.



IT'S JUST A  
SAMPLE, SO DON'T BE  
TOO CONFIDENT IN ITS  
POWER, AND AVOID THE  
SPIRIT AS MUCH AS  
POSSIBLE.

I'LL HAVE  
THE REAL RING  
READY FOR YOU  
WITHIN A WEEK,  
SO COME BACK  
THEN.





IS IT  
WORKING?

IT CAN'T  
FIND YOU SO IT'S  
WANDERING  
AROUND.



THERE ARE  
ROUGHLY THREE  
STAGES TO FUTURE  
SPIRITS.



IN THE FIRST STAGE,  
IT STAYS IN THE SAME SPOT.  
IN THE SECOND STAGE,  
IT WANDERS NEAR YOU.  
IN THE THIRD STAGE,  
IT FOLLOWS YOU  
EVERYWHERE.

WHEN IT REACHES  
STAGE THREE,  
IT MEANS THAT  
DEATH IS NEAR.



THAT RING  
WILL HELP MAKE  
SURE THAT IT DOESN'T  
GET TO THE THIRD  
STAGE.

THIS IS YOUR  
ONLY WAY TO  
SURVIVE.







AT LEAST  
I'LL BE ABLE TO  
SLEEP IN PEACE  
AT NIGHT.



AND I'LL  
JUST BE CAREFUL  
WHenever I GO  
OUTSIDE..

AH RIGHT.

IT'S TIME FOR MY  
PART-TIME JOB..





I'M LATE..!



THAT'LL BE  
4,500 WON.

BEEP

THANK YOU,  
HAVE A NICE  
DAY

CREAK

COME TO  
THINK ABOUT IT,  
I'M KIND OF WORRIED  
THAT THIS RING IS  
JUST A SAMPLE.

WHAT IF  
THE FUTURE SPIRIT  
SHOWS UP WHILE I'M  
WORKING HERE...?

SSK

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THE FUTURE  
SPIRIT..!



To be continued..



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